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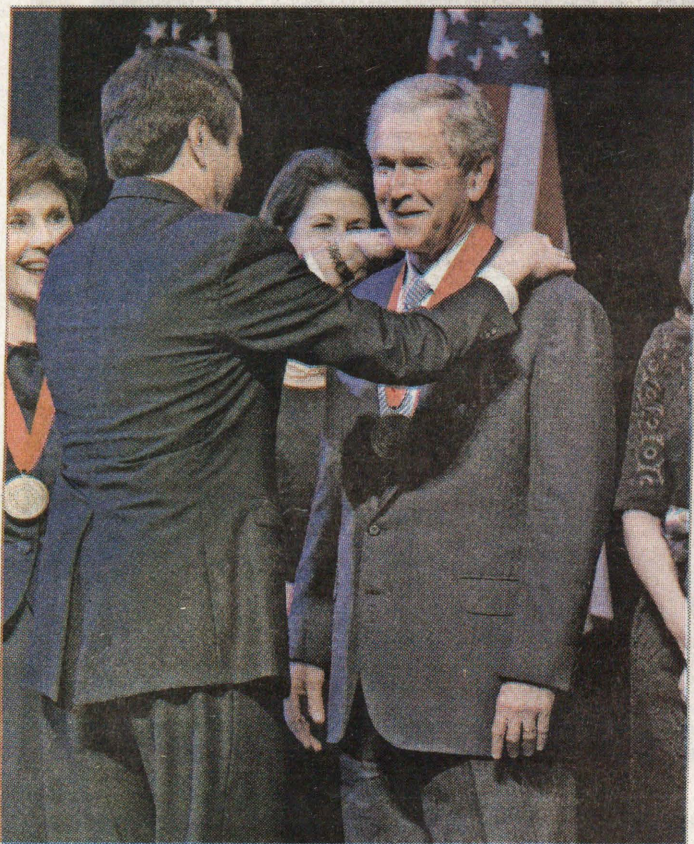
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PEOPLE

Catering director
Terrie Smith sits
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about the caf.
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Bush speaks at Harding



Former President Bush receives a medal at Southern Methodist University Wednesday. For coverage of his Thursday speech at Harding, check out thebison.harding.edu.

AP photo

Student groups use music, food to connect culturally

by KYLIE AKINS
assistant news editor

On Saturday, April 24, the Campus Activities Board, Student Association and Multicultural Student Action Committee will present the International Food and Music Festival, bringing seven Harding bands to the Administration auditorium stage and food from more than 12 countries to the Caf.

"Why not take advantage of all the different students on campus, all the different origins of students and different cultures that coexist here and then make it a thing to celebrate," junior Alan Elrod said.

Elrod started coordinating the bands at the beginning of the semester and booked a lineup of familiar Harding performers: Cheyenne Medders, The Clark Brothers, Michael Wright, Midnight Trio, Brandon Ragsdale and Orange Lazarus, me & a-free and From the Hollow. Elrod said he hopes this kind of event can become a part

of campus life and become more elaborate throughout the years.

"I just see the potential at Harding to create this really enjoyable communal atmosphere of people showing off their talents and people just enjoying a weekend at Harding," Elrod said. "We think it's cool that we can make Harding a place that can host something like this and that it can be a center of this kind of experience."

Aramark will prepare all the foods making up the featured cultural meals in the Caf after the concerts. With countries like Africa, China, France, India and Italy being represented, the Caf will host a wide variety of international foods for students to experience.

All proceeds from the festival will be donated to service to organizations dedicated to a global cause, namely Heifer International and Tents and Tarps.

"We hope the better we can make this, the better opportunity for students for one to have a really fun musical art experience, but

also to get to know more about any charities that are involved and hopefully use it as a spring board for making people more globally conscious," Elrod said.

Heifer International and Tents and Tarps will give a presentation during the concert to educate students on how they can become involved with each organization's international service.

"These are international organizations charities with focus on international service," CAB director John Dollen said. "I hope they [the audience] will be exposed to the work of Heifer International and Tents and Tarps so they can understand what they do and possibly help more in the future and gain a greater understanding, however minimal it might be, of the foods of other cultures."

Heifer International, based in Little Rock, provides struggling families across the world with animal husbandry training and livestock to aid the local community

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Will play for lessons

by ASHLEY ROSENBAUM
student writer

The Reynolds Recital Hall will be hosting a younger crowd on April 24 at 6 p.m. The Riverview junior high band, along with a few Harding soloists and ensembles, will be featured in an event sponsored by the National Association of Music Educators.

This event serves as a fundraiser that will provide funding for private lessons for Riverview band students. Harding musicians are already involved in teaching Riverview students, but this fundraiser will allow more private lessons to be taught.

Sarah Yarnell, President of the Harding Chapter of the National Association of Music Educators, is in charge of the event and said she sees the lessons as a great benefit for students. The fundraiser would also benefit Riverview's second-year director Trey Reely.

"He's doing awesome things with the band in Riverview, and it's especially evident in the beginners," Yarnell said. "The best thing

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The cavalry arrives



Harding students unload gloves and gear from the back of a vehicle as they get ready to participate in the Day of Service, sponsored by Bisons for Christ. This group was assigned the task of clearing wind-strewn debris from someone's property.

photo by NOAH DARNELL | The Bison

Recycling at HU showing results

by SAMANTHA
HOLSCHBACH
managing editor

During its two-year existence, Harding's fledgling recycling program has saved thousands of pounds of salvageable material, resulting in positive results from the RecycleMania challenge between Jan. 17 and March 27. The challenge's final tallies were released April 16.

"You can see from the rankings that we made a pretty good showing," said Greg Tatera, Aramark's director of building services and a member of Harding's Environmental Stewardship Committee. "We're actually beating University of Arkansas-Fayetteville in several categories. It's not based necessarily on size; it's based on the level of participation."

RecycleMania is a nationwide competition aimed to reduce waste on campuses. The program promotes recycling via two methods: friendly rivalry between universities in the

competition division, or competition isolated to a single university in the benchmark division. Harding participated in RecycleMania in the competition division alongside 222 other universities. Collectively, 603 universities participated in the program, including eight from Arkansas.

Roughly 59,000 pounds of material were recycled at Harding during the 10-week competition, with two weeks designated for trial recycling runs. Harding ranked 76 out of 223 schools in the recycled paper pounds-per-person category. The university also ranked 92 out of 223 competing schools in the recycled plastic and aluminum pounds-per-person category.

"That's a phenomenal ranking for our first year out of the gate," Tatera said. "We have a lot we can build on."

At the same time, Tatera noted the RecycleMania results revealed that only 25 percent of students, faculty and staff on campus are

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Annual trip introduces students to foreign faiths

by ALEXANDRA MCCLAIN
student writer

Almost 80 students in Harding's living world religions course traveled to Dallas over the weekend to visit places of worship for other religions.

While in Dallas, the students visited a Buddhist temple, a Hindu temple and a Muslim mosque, among others.

"They have read about these religions in their textbooks, but now they meet Sikhs and Muslims and Hindus and Buddhists face-to-face and have conversation," course professor and dean of the College of Bible and Religion Dr. Monty Cox said.

The class not only toured the sites but also witnessed some practices of the religions. They saw families sacrificing to shrines in the Hindu temple and participated in a question-and-answer session with the temple's leaders. Senior Matt West said Cox



Students gather in front of a large Buddha statue in Dallas.

courtesy of Andrew English

instructed the group to stay away from subjects that could be taken as offensive.

"The questions we asked were very carefully framed so they didn't seem like an attack," West said.

West also said the people they met from all the religions were very excited to have them visit and learn about the differences between their belief system and ours.

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The Window

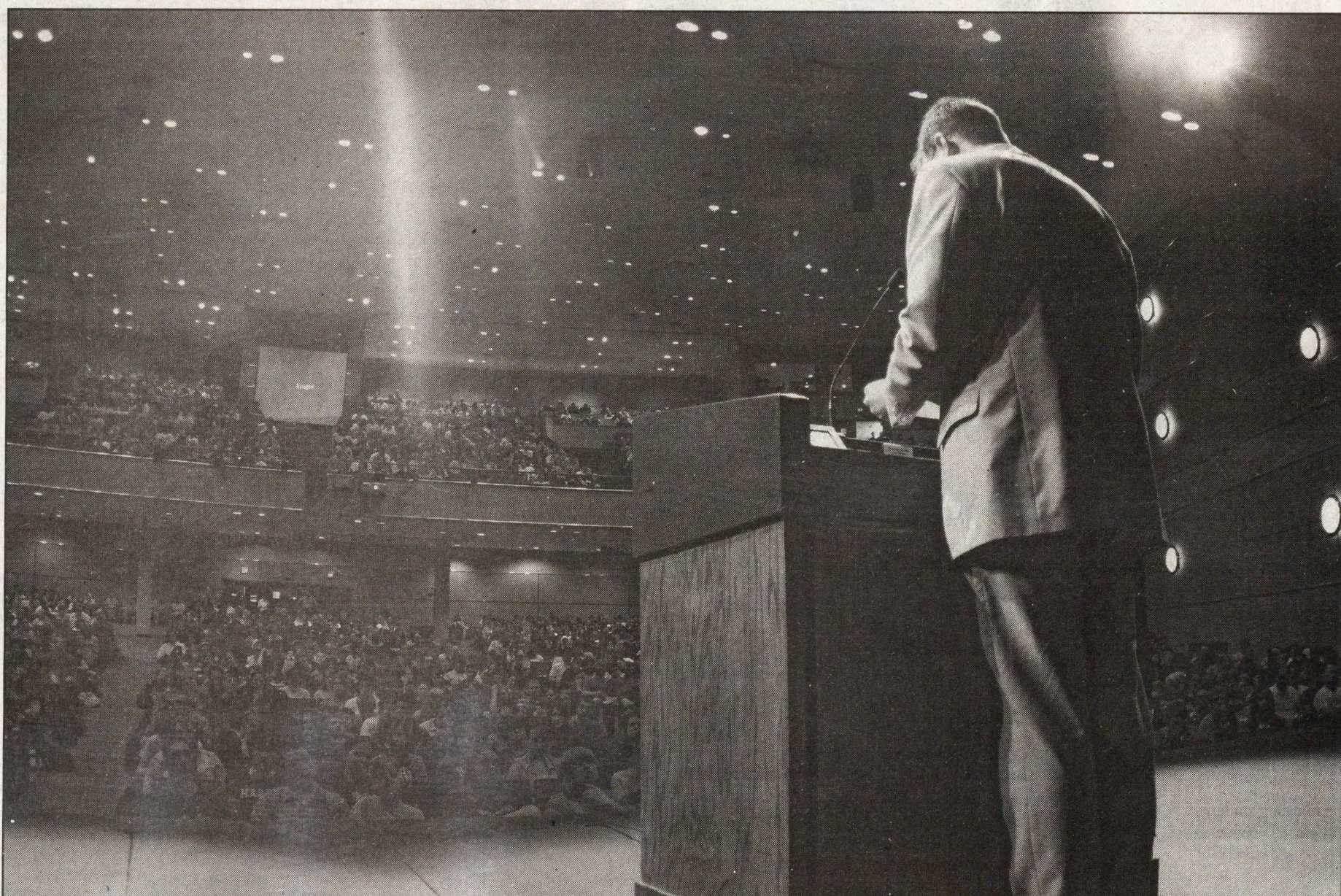


Photo by NOAH DARNELL | The Bison
Nathan Copeland, assistant to the president, introduces a speaker in chapel during Senior week.

The Newsreel

Oil rig burns, sinks into gulf



COURTESY OF THE AP

A burning oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico sunk Thursday, according to the U.S. Coast Guard.

The rig burned for at least one day after it exploded just off the Louisiana coast. The U.S. Coast Guard is now resuming an aerial search for 11 missing workers, according to Lt. Cmdr. Cheri Benlesau.

With 11 workers missing and up to 700,000 gallons of diesel fuel leaking into the Gulf of Mexico, Coast Guard Senior Chief Petty Officer Mike O'Berry said the incident will have far-reaching consequences.

"It obviously was a catastrophic event," O'Berry said.

The rig was occupied by 126 people at the time of the explosion, with 115 rescued by a helicopter shortly after the explosion. Seventeen of the survivors were injured. A federal lawsuit has been filed for the 11 missing workers, blaming multiple companies with connections to the rig of negligence.

Successful landing for retiring shuttle fleet

The space shuttle Discovery successfully landed Tuesday after the planned Monday landing was canceled due to unfavorable weather. Arkansas residents reported hearing the boom of the shuttle's flight as it flew over the state as well as others including Montana, Missouri, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia.

The shuttle landed at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida after delivering over seven tons of supplies and equipment and performing three spacewalks.

This flight was one of the last, with only three shuttle missions remaining, until the fleet is retired. The mission was also the first time four women have been in space at one time.

The shuttle launched April 5, and its re-entry was unaffected by the recent volcano ash spewing from Iceland's glacier.

First U.S. president owes library dues

The first president owes the New York City Library a lot of money. Apparently George Washington was a little too busy running the country to ever return two books, with his late fees totaling over \$4,000.

The two books, with subjects like international relations and parliamentary debate, were checked out 221 years ago.

The library staff first discovered the former president's name in an old ledger found in the library's basement with records from 1789 to 1792. Next to the record of the books "Law of Nations" and the twelfth volume of "Common Debates" was the name "President," checked out in a time when New York City was the nation's capital and the New York City Library was the only library in town.

Both books are still missing, and the librarians are more concerned with obtaining the books than the late fees.

"We don't know where it is," librarian Jane Goldstein said in a CNN interview. "We have tried to find it and we can't."

Custody battle rages for brain-damaged mother's triplets

A battle is waging in California courts for the custody of a woman's triplets, born in June of 2006.

The mother, Abbie Dorn, underwent severe brain damage during the birth of the triplets, after which the family began to fall apart and her former husband, Daniel Dorn, filed for divorce.

While Abbie's parents believe her to be capable of interaction with her children, Daniel continues to insist that she is completely vegetative and unable to have a relationship with the triplets. However, Abbie's mother Susan Cohen said her daughter is continually improving.

"One slow blink means 'yes.' No response means 'no,'" Cohen said in an interview with CNN.

The trial will take place May 13, but multiple appeals will likely follow.



COURTESY OF CNN

The Watercooler

"Only death can stop me."

— KURMANBEK BAKIYEV, overthrown leader of Krygystan, saying from his exile in Belarus that he still believes he is President despite being ousted by a violent revolt earlier this month

"If we put male hormones in a chicken and we make a homosexual eat it, he will transform into a heterosexual."

— EVO MORALES, president of Bolivia, saying that gay men can be turned straight and straight men gay by eating hormone-enhanced chicken

The Inside Voice

You might be a child of the ... if you like your...

by BISON STAFF

Sixties:	Seventies:	Eighties
Telephone corded	Bottoms belled	Legs warmed
Color technic	Saturday nights feverish	Your mutant ninja turtles teenaged
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becoming self-sufficient. Tents and Tarps, an organization created by Harding students, raises money to provide Haitians with temporary shelters as they continue to struggle in their post-earthquake emergency state.

"Music is something that is very cultural and personal," Elrod said. "It's not only something that shows who you are but a way of interacting with your environment. I want it to broaden people's perspectives globally with the organizations we talk about and the chance to just experience and be sur-

rounded with these aspects of different cultures broadens their mind as well."

The bands will perform in the Administration Auditorium from 3 to 6 p.m., if the weather is unfavorable. If the weather is favorable, the bands will perform on the front lawn. Tickets to the show are \$5 or free with the Pass. The international dinner will be served from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Caf. The meal can be accessed with a Caf swipe or \$5 for each person. All proceeds will be donated to Heifer International and Tents and Tarps. For more information, contact CAB at 501-279-2234.

MUSIC: students give back

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he's done is getting a multitude of music students from Harding to teach lessons during band classes."

Yarnell said she believes that the lessons help the students grow, but they also help the Harding students as they practice what they may do after they graduate.

"Another great thing about this benefit is that ultimately, it comes back to Harding students," Yarnell said.

Yarnell was a pre-student teacher at Riverview last semester, where she was required to spend at least 40 hours observing and teaching the students. She said she saw a lot of potential in the students and believes this fundraiser will help give them the supplies they need to do their best.

However, Riverview does not have the resources to have separate classes for beginners on each instrument, so all students come together to play.

"While musically, this makes younger students prepared to play in a group setting, it limits them on their individual instruments," Yarnell said. "Teachers who specialize in their instrument can help them learn concepts specific to their instrument; playing a trumpet is very different from playing a flute, and it's hard for Mr. Reely to teach that all in one class."

As such, Harding students help Reely by helping students learn their individual instruments.

Junior Ashley Calcote said the fundraiser has a special connection with the Harding students who teach lessons there.

"It means a great deal to me because I already teach lessons there and know the kids," Calcote said. "I have grown to love them ... they deserve to keep getting small group time with experienced players so they can love playing too."

Calcote said she believes the fundraiser will allow them to continue lessons that help them grow musically.

"Even if we do not raise tons of money, it will be a good start for building more relationships in the community with the Riverview

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Sarah Yarnell
Event Coordinator

band," she said.

Sophomore Brady Spencer said she sees a need for more money to go toward private lessons and believes this fundraiser could be very beneficial.

"I would have quit my first year of flute playing if my mom hadn't put me into private lessons," Spencer said "But paying for private lessons is very expensive, especially when you're looking at lessons for a whole section. They make a world of difference, though."

The lack of funds in the program is a prominent issue, and the fundraiser will not solve every problem, but that has not stopped the students and their lesson teachers from making music.

"Despite the inevitable lack of money in the band program, even with the fundraiser, the flute players I work with are improving noticeably," Spencer said. "That's when you can really tell that money and fundraisers really aren't the factor behind the band's improvement. Just from what I've observed helping there this semester, Mr. Reely does an excellent job working with the resources that are available to him at Riverview [and] motivating his players to want to be better even without all the fancy bells and whistles."

The benefit tickets are free, but the group is asking for donations. A reception will take place following the concert and will include a meet-and-greet.

RELIGIONS: Students spend weekend immersed in religious and cultural diversity; visit temples and sights



A wax monk, one of the many cultural symbols on Living World Religions trip, meditates in a Theravada Buddhist temple in Dallas, Texas. Students said the experience made them appreciate their own faith more.

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Junior graphic design student Kari Dingus said the devoutness of the people practicing other religions really challenged her as a Christian.

"They really live out their religion," she said. "As Christians, we are called to do that but often limit it to Sunday mornings."

West said there were people in the mosque who were younger than the group saying their daily prayers and actively practicing their religion.

"I'm sure there are apathetic people in other religions, too, but everyone we met was so fervent in their belief," he said.

One religion that impressed students is the Baha'i faith. Baha'i is the ninth largest faith in the world and builds on the foundations of older religions. Those practicing Baha'i follow Baha'ullah, a prophet who came after Mohammad and taught unity. They accept leaders from many different religions including Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Confucius as "gates" to an ultimate goal.

Some of the traditions of the Sikh peaked the curiosity of junior Andrew English.

"They tuck their holy book into bed; it has the master bedroom in the house and, I think, they kiss it before going to bed each night," he said.

"This class is about trying as best as we can to under-

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Monte Cox
Professor of Bible and Religion

stand where people are coming from, why they believe what they believe and learning to engage in respectful conversation," Cox said.

After touring the different religious centers around Dallas, the group came together at the conference room in their hotel for worship.

"The worship we did at the hotel was so powerful. I felt closer to God than I usually do in group worship," Dingus said.

The service was simple, singing songs of praise, prayer and reading scripture, but the students were very impacted.

"Seeing these other religions has made me appreciate Jesus more," West said. "Their faith is their truth, Jesus is my truth, and I feel so blessed to have a personal savior."

RECYCLE: Tatera and Recyclemania continue to push green initiative on Harding's campus

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recycling. "Over the eight-week period of the competition, collectively we are all averaging 39.25 pounds of general waste per person," Tatera said. "That may not sound like a lot, but it's actually quite a bit."

Other southeastern universities like the University of Arkansas - Fayetteville and the University of West Florida have smaller per-person figures of general waste, 30.6 pounds and 36.8 pounds, respectively.

Harding has already exceeded its goal of recycling 250,000 pounds of material in the 2009-10 school year. As of Tuesday, 278,000 pounds have been recycled at Harding University and Harding Academy.

To boost the university's collection of salvageable items during move-out, Tatera said donation stations will be installed in each dorm in

coming weeks. Students are encouraged to start the move-out process early by recycling and donating the following items: clothing, household items, classroom/office supplies, cleaning supplies, personal care items and food.

Tatera said a major challenge during move-out involves students throwing out electronics when they need to be recycled.

"If there's too large a percentage of electronics in the dumpster, when they go to dump it, they (city of Searcy) can refuse the entire shipment, send it back over here," Tatera said. "We'll have to get the electronics out and they will charge us again, a double fee, to empty it."

Electronics denote anything with a circuit board, which includes even hair dryers and curling irons. Such items are banned from the general trash because the circuit boards contain lead,

which may contaminate the water supply if not properly disposed of. Instead, students are asked to place electronics in designated boxes at dorm donation stations.

Beyond basic recycling, Harding continues to improve its carbon footprint through other means. During summer renovations, low-flow showerheads will replace dorm showerheads in need of replacement. Additionally, ceiling tiles will be recycled through Armstrong Ceiling Tile, and many building materials in general will be donated to Habitat for Humanity.

As Sears dorm undergoes renovations, 300 unneeded mattresses will be distributed to Habitat for Humanity, Searcy Children's Home and Harding Graduate School of Religion.

Rain gauges have been installed on sections of Harding's lawn watering system so that when it rains, the watering

system does not activate.

Finally, Harding's Physical Resource department recently purchased two vehicles configured to run, if desired, on compressed natural gas, a greener alternative to petroleum.

Though the vehicles are not currently operating on natural gas, director of physical resources Danny DeRamus said that may happen in time.

As eco-friendly changes continue to transform Harding's campus, Tatera said that more participation in recycling would significantly enhance the process.

"There's a phenomenal amount of stuff going out of here," Tatera said. "We're averaging about a ton a day right now of (recycled) material, and again, that's at 25 percent of campus recycling. We take that up a couple of notches, and we're going to be doing considerably more than that."

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THE QUOTE

"It's defying
the law of gravity."

— GENE MUNSTER, an analyst on the 8.8 million iPhone sales in the past three months.

Cash For The 'Stache

Here is the latest news item from The Associated Press: It seems that a man named John Yeutter, a professor of tax policy and representative of the American Mustache Institute, has made a radical proposal on behalf of all taxpayers. He is calling for a \$250 tax break for all Americans with mustaches. His airtight argument is that the mustache sector adds significantly to the nation's GDP, since a 2009 study has shown that men with mustaches make 4.3 percent more than their shorn colleagues.

Claiming that the stimulus money would be a "disincentive for the clean-shaven to enjoy the mustache lifestyle," Yeutter has made the obligatory rounds of the morning shows, sporting facial hair that would have made Chester A. Arthur proud. As a result he has gotten his 12 minutes of fame, which is all he can expect in this economy.

This is, of course, what the late Librarian of Congress Daniel Boorstin once defined as the pseudo-event, a meaningless moment staged for the sake of staging something. It is how news is now created in America. Yeutter spends years grooming a huge mustache, comes up with a catchy tax-season headline, which is then picked up by news organizations that not only have 24 hours per day of airtime to fill, but must also pack the Internet with quirky stories for people to thread comments on. The event is taken seriously by no one, except for humor columnists who waited until 11 the night before a deadline to find a topic.



MICHAEL CLAXTON

Guest Space

And yet, as much as we all know that this stunt is the mustache-publicity-seeker's version of "Pants on the Ground," we roll with it.

The \$250 tax break for mustaches is a national disgrace. This is how all entitlement programs start in this country — with a seemingly harmless benefit snuck into a piece of legislation in order to get some unshaven senator to vote for it. Before you know it, the tax incentive creeps slowly upward to keep pace with inflation and the spiraling length of Daliesque facial hair. Sooner or later, bearded Americans insist upon getting some of this ball of wax, including those poor 45-year-old men who view goatees as a less expensive mid-life crisis than a Burgatti. Can I get \$50 for a soul patch?

Considering the fact that no United States president has dared to sport even the slightest hint of stubble since William Howard Taft, clearly it is an insult to the executive branch to penalize the clean-shaven. And during a recession, can we really afford to raise taxes on the bare-lipped Americans who are the backbone of this country?

Please understand that I am speaking out against my own interests. I have worn a mustache continuously for 18 years, except for one week in 1996 after an "incident" with an electric razor,

in which I learned that it is unwise to sneeze while shaving and even less wise to overcorrect. Trust me, the Charlie Chaplin look is not flattering. At any rate, though I stand to benefit significantly from this tax break, I cannot in good conscience support an incentive that is not available to all good men and women.

So whether you have a pencil line, a soup stainer, an imperial, an English, a handlebar, a Pancho Villa, a walrus, a toothbrush, a horseshoe, a chevron or a Fu Manchu; whether you like it straight, curled, tapered, spiked, parted, sparse, bushy, groomed or freestyle, the gravitas and lip appeal it brings should be reward enough.

The legend is that Groucho Marx was once late for a vaudeville performance with his famous brothers and did not have time to apply the false mustache he usually wore onstage. So he dipped his finger in some black greasepaint and wiped it across his upper lip. The look stuck, and Groucho sported the smudge for the rest of his career.

But if this tax for the mustachioed passes, I do not even want to think about the fraud that will follow. IRS investigators will be swamped with disguised claimants — Frank Zappa lookalikes who demand \$250 for something they did not earn with blood, sweat and Miracle Gro. I'm tempted to shave in protest.

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Minivans Are Not Me



GIL GILDNER

Guest Space

early, I attempt to tie together a few points from across the expanse of history. In times past there were hubs of culture, where lives intersected and departed. It was the forum of the ancients, it was the mead halls of the Norse, it was the public houses of the later reformatory years. At some point, when history moved across the sea and into the twentieth century, it became the diners and, even later, the coffeeshops. And somewhere in there, for a particular type of person, it was the gas station. The type that opens at 5 in the morning, with a couple tables where they serve sausage and gravy. The type that plays the worst country music ever recorded.

Then, as history (and the time of day) proceeds further along, the old men leave the gas station. New shifts come and go. And late in the night, when the unsavory characters prowl the town, more graffiti is added on the walls of the decrepit bathroom.

I peel away two 20s from my wallet and hand them over in exchange for a liquid that has been squeezed from the earth and purified. This liquid has stained my hand with the aroma of diesel. It doesn't come off with water or soap. It takes something about as potent as rubbing alcohol. Normally, either truckers or sweaty farmers use the diesel pumps. Unless you're in town, way in town, there's always diesel spilled all over the concrete and coating the pump.

The interesting thing about this gas station, and most gas stations in general, is the intersections. Other places tend to segregate. I

never see the people who exist at the Dungeons & Dragons shop downtown. I think that place went out of business, anyway. I never see the people at the farm supply store. I never see the people at the sports store. They never see me either ... mainly, because I'm about as athletic as a praying mantis.

At the station, however, I see everybody. I see the polished banker drive up in his polished Porsche. I see the battered pickup clamber up and bump into the curb. I see the stressed soccer mom hauling a dog-ugly minivan full of screaming children. I see the college student in the antique import. I see the trucker with a trailer full of chickens crammed into cages.

I start the car once more. My 26-year-old stereo warps into full volume, and the speaker cones vibrate and shudder as I play Comfortably Numb as loudly as possible without audible distortion. These old sound systems were meant for Bach or Pachelbel, I think. Not David Gilmour or Jimmy Page. This sound system was meant for older men with grey wool suits.

I pull away from the sweltering gas station and minutes later pull up into a small parking lot off Race, sheltered from the burning sunlight by a scattering of gigantic oaks. Here, with the sun disappearing over the horizon dotted by tin buildings and dead trees and scrambled powerlines, I order a chilled sweet drink in a coffeeshop insulated and segregated from the rest of the world. There is not a lot of variety here. It's OK in its own way, but it's a world apart from the gas station. At least here, they play my type of music.

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BLAKE MATHEWS

The Feedback Loop

The Double Down review

A few days ago, I went to KFC and bought a Double Down chicken sandwich. It became the only sandwich I've ever written about while eating, and with two strips of bacon, two slices of cheese and two boneless chicken breasts for buns, it became the only sandwich I've ever continued to feel for days after its consumption. The following record may disturb you.

FIRST BITE: a red flag goes up in my mind: every piece of KFC I've ever had up till now has had bones in it. My brain is wondering how my teeth passed through all that meat and didn't hit a bone.

Surprisingly, it tastes like chicken.

SECOND BITE: the sandwich is now about the size of a baseball. I taste a hint of bacon, but right now chicken is the big news in my mouth. My roommate walked in and saw what I was eating. Judging by the look on his face, you'd have thought it was a human hand.

THIRD BITE: really got in toward the middle of the sandwich and the gooiest section of the cheese. It adds a nice texture, but little noticeable flavor. The flavor channel in my brain is having an all-day chicken marathon right now.

FOURTH BITE: I am now full, but the irregular-shaped mound of meat demands that I finish, lest the Double Down become my version of Michaelangelo's unfinished slaves. I'd say that I'm a little over halfway through the sandwich, and my stomach sounds like a kid whose mom is five minutes late picking him up from school: he's just beginning to suspect that something's wrong. I can't imagine what it would sound like if I wasn't stopping after each bite to type. Wolf this thing down at your own peril.

FIFTH BITE: went after the side of the sandwich. There's probably a trail of gooey cheese smeared from the middle of my cheek to the corner of my mouth right now (I must sound so attractive). Will lick that up later.

SIXTH BITE: went after the Double Down core and hit the crunchy part of the bacon. I'm pleased by the crunchiness, as soft, floppy bacon would just add to the feeling that I was being punched in the mouth by a fist of grease. The Colonel's Sauce is in there somewhere, I assume, like the piccolos in a Mahler symphony.

On that note, I think my skin is getting slicker.

SEVENTH BITE: the end is near. For the sandwich, I mean. I took another bite along the edge and got a burst of cheese flavor. The remainder of the Double Down now fits into the palm of my hand. Whether it will fit into my stomach is another matter. My tongue tingles slightly for reasons I don't fully understand. Air is starting to move around in my belly, churned by what must be the boulders of meat raining down from above.

EIGHTH BITE: The meat.... the cheese.... the fried batter.... I feel like I just ate the American Dream. All the flavor of the Double Down's four ingredients came gushing out on the last bite, and the sensation my tongue passed to my brain left no room for doubt: I won't be eating anything else for a really long time. The fact that they offer the Double Down in a combo with potato wedges and a drink is a mockery.

I would write more, but I feel like I need to take a nap. And wash my face.

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LARELL REYNOLDS

Guest Space

LaRell's Celebrity Rundown

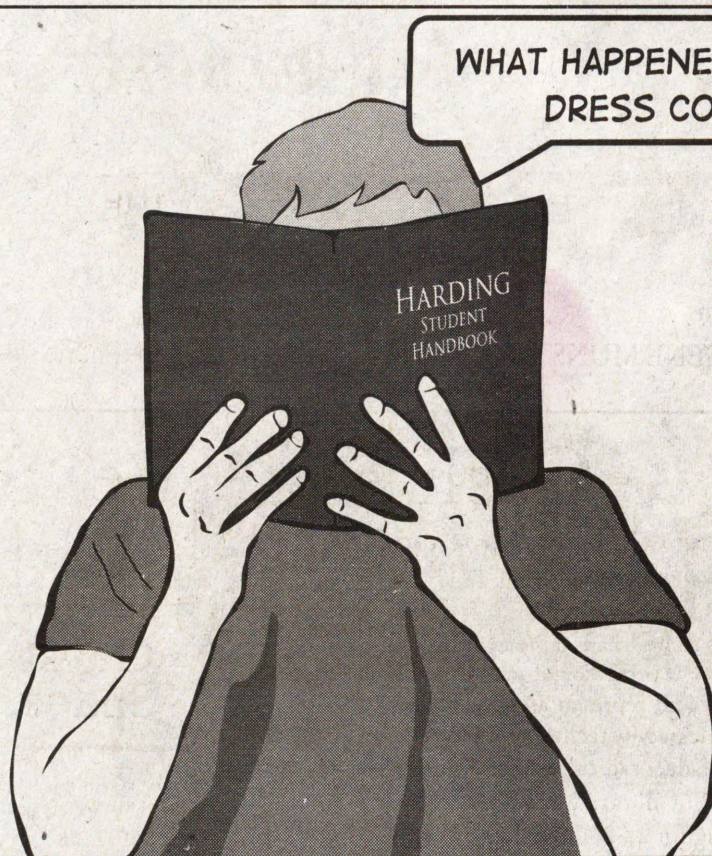
Our famous "Mean Girl" is having financial problems. Lindsay Lohan is now facing more than \$500,000 in debt due to credit card purchases. Why, Lindsay? You know there is nothing going for you now. The 23-year-old starlet has been cut off from various lenders, including her own landlord. Sources say she is more than \$23,000 behind in her rent. Doesn't she know living ain't cheap? This debt has even inspired Dr. Drew Pinsky to write about the financial woes of Lohan in his blog on the Huffington Post. Pinsky wrote that if he were Lindsay's parents he would have gone to great lengths to clean Lindsay up. This means having Lohan enter for treatment and could eventually result in using law enforcement. Lindsay responded to the doctor by saying, "He's a quack and a sell-out ... Please tell him to stop." Lindsay continued to say about her addiction and problems that she is "fine" and continued bashing Dr. Drew, "He's such a loser. He is not a real doctor; he's a celebrity doctor." Harsh words from Lindsay-camp to Dr. Drew Pinsky, but what more can we expect from this drama queen — to finally accept that she needs help and seek therapy? No way. Maybe someone should read the autobiography of Amy Winehouse.

In amazing celebrity news, media attention mother gets voted off a dancing competition — yes, Kate Gosselin, her two left feet and her awful haircut. Kate appeared on this season of "Dancing With the Stars" to keep her 36 hours of fame. She's like a cockroach that will not go away. Yes, I do think she is an exploiting mother of eight. But America thinks she is some supermom whose name we secretly chant. No! Honey Bunches of Oats, we cannot stand you or your awful hillbilly wannabe haircut anymore. Yes, your children are adorable, but I want to see them, not you. I will be honest, I used to love watching "Jon and Kate plus 8." Now that it is just Kate and 8, I am going to hate. So let's get back to the heart of the issue. Kate cannot dance. Sorry, it was painful to my eyes to see this woman attempt to dance. Kate's face when she "glides" across the ballroom floor is like watching Frankenstein come to life. She looks like a wax figure because her body is too stiff and her personality is more bland than caf food. Insiders reported that Kate's "emotions are mixed" after the elimination ceremony on "Dancing With the Stars" this week. "She would have liked to go further, but new projects won't require so much travel and time away from home, and that's a good thing." Yes Kate, you need the time to recuperate for your new show on TLC. Kate, work on your acting skills so you can finally convince the producers and America that you are a good mother and your actions are for the betterment of your children and not yourself.

In other blonde-with-bad-haircut news, Heather Locklear is in trouble again. You might remember Locklear receiving a three-year probation term for a DUI arrest in September of 2008 when Heather pleaded no contest. So this means any charges accumulated during her probation period can result in Heather's doing the time, and the time could be 90 days in jail. What did Heather do this time? She was arrested for hitting a no-parking sign on a public street in her gated community home in Ventura County, California. However, Locklear failed to notify the police or anybody. She was arrested on a misdemeanor charge since she was the registered owner of the vehicle. However, there is no proof on who was driving the car, so Locklear can be off the hook. Maybe next time, Heather, you shouldn't leave pieces of your car at the scene. That's how the sheriffs of Ventura County traced the car back to you.

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THE HARDING LIFE



Harding, One Of The Nation's Best?

JOSHUA LITTLE

Guest Space

Yes, you read the title correctly. And I will be more than happy to explain.

At the risk of sounding like a complete arrogant jerk, I'm used to being part of the "best." It's not that I'm not grateful for what I get, because I am. And it's not that I'm not humbled a lot and never have to start from the bottom, because I do. I fight and work hard to try to move up the ladder.

I went to the 17th best high school in the nation according to Newsweek in 2009. It's not number one, but it's up there compared to the hundreds of thousands of schools in this country. I know I don't always get the part I want in a production, but I try my hardest at an audition to make it into a show and get a part. If there's a character I want, I will fight for it until there's nothing else to do. I had to work my way into the anchor position for TV16 News. It's this constant cycle of working hard to achieve these goals of mine to make things appear great, whether it be a job or school assignment. There's a lot I have to learn before I can get to the top.

Now when I first came to Harding I was very apprehensive, especially when I told people I would be attending and they had never heard of the school. To be totally honest, I wanted to leave. In my mind, I thought "if its not big, I can't go anywhere on the success latter." My dream job is to be on television; whether I am acting or reporting the

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news, that is what I'm working toward. One day someone asked me if anyone famous came from Harding working in broadcasting, and my mind drew a blank. The only thing that came to my mind was, "I guess I'll be one of the first." I know there are people who have made it big coming from here, but the truth is, it's a very small number that I know of. And the competition for the industry I want to enter is great and the thought of leaving a small school, that I thought would never rank against other schools and entering a career that very

few people make it anywhere, terrified me.

Then just the other day I was on the Internet and I typed "Top Broadcast Schools" in the search bar. And sure enough, I found that Harding University is one of the best schools in the nation for this particular industry according to U.S. News. Then when I got to the U.S. News website, I found that Harding is ranked pretty high for education and a number of other majors offered here. Harding ranked as number 26 overall in the southern region of the country for 2010 and scored higher than schools like Abilene Christian University and University of Central Arkansas according to the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

This is something to be proud of! I know it sounds terrible of me to have ever doubted the potential of this school, but for those thinking of transferring because of the rules or because you don't feel like you're getting anything out of this school that you might get at a state or larger school, you should take another look. I know I reconsidered the way I thought as soon as I discovered its values. Just because we're small and have some crazy rules doesn't mean we aren't one of the best! I'm excited to be here now and very grateful for what this school has to offer.

There are so many opportunities that this school has to offer each of us. How many other colleges are able to come together almost every morning and fit into an

auditorium? How many other schools are going to give as many people as they can a chance to live in another country for a semester? How many teachers would you be able to know personally if you were at a state school or larger school? How many other schools are going to practically hand you the experience you need for your future careers? The answer to those questions is not many.

It's taken a while for me to fully realize that this place is truly trying to set us up to succeed in the future so we can leave here and achieve our goals and our dreams. A mentor of mine said that in a lot of cases its not only the degree that you hold but it's the experience that you have to show that you know what you are doing in your career is what will get you the job.

Now that we know that we rank, we should be striving harder to make this school a better experience for every one here. We are already a pretty close group of people who share common bonds and are more than willing to help each other as well the community, but as we end this year and move into the next we should be aware that we can still strive to be better and let this school be a light in our world that others will want to be like.

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Saving the World

ALEX RITCHIE

Guest Space



"Slowly, Harding is churning out more and more globally aware people. I believe the number of Harding students who could intelligently discuss worldview concepts is far greater than it would have been 15 years ago. Harding's students, by and large, seem to be nourishing a kind of care for humanity that looks beyond ethnic or political boundaries."

has always been at the core of Harding's mantra, I see an international world-saving focus going even beyond that.

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aware people. I believe the number of Harding students who could intelligently discuss worldview concepts is far greater than it would have been 15 years ago. Harding's students, by and large, seem to be nourishing a kind of care for humanity that looks beyond ethnic or political boundaries. Little makes me prouder of my school than when I see compassion without conditions.

Perhaps the better and broader question to be asked is "are students at Harding learning to engage the world?" I believe the answer is yes. I see those around me picking their battles both home and abroad, becoming motivated for the causes of justice, developing lifestyles to preserve the earth, and taking other proactive steps.

Through Harding, I have visited nearly twenty different countries in Europe and Asia, which is an opportunity I should never take for granted. Harding has helped open my eyes to the world, which is not what most would expect from a

school nestled near the foothills of the Ozarks. Through my travels and studies at Harding, I have become determined to abandon ethnocentrism and mindless chauvinism, hoping to adopt goodness as my primary allegiance.

While I would answer the question of world saving differently today, I recognize that Harding, and America, has quite a ways to go still. There are still the lingering vestiges of racism and overzealous nationalism, which will continue to inhibit understanding and peace in the world as long as they survive. And I still believe that Harding's students, like anyone else, can often become mired in apathy and disillusionment—but not always.

I am convinced that the world can be saved, and I am encouraged by what I see.

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Joke of the Day

When I went to Starbucks for coffee today they lied.
It wasn't Starbucks — it was four bucks!

ACTIVE BISONS FOR CHRIST



Photo by NICK MICHAEL | The Bison

On Wednesday, April 21, Harding students and community members embarked on the 8th annual Bisons for Christ service day. Students helped with maintenance work at Camp Wyldewood, tornado cleanup throughout Center Hill, city projects and much more.

Director Todd Gentry said the day has always proved beneficial for both students and the Searcy community.

"It means that we can come together in the name of Christ and serve our community," Gentry said. "Personally, it is seeing the growth of students when they give back to the community you live in. For many, it becomes a faith-changing experience."



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"I get excited knowing that we will be making an impact on the lives of those we serve, and [that we] will often be thought about until next year comes around again. At the same time, I always am thinking of those I served in the past and the relationships I formed with them during our short time together."

Kaitlyn Wright
Senior



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"I just love this idea of having a whole bunch of young people out in the field serving God in so many different ways. It gives college students a more positive image and I think it just makes a difference in the lives of not only the people we will be serving, but in our lives as well."

Ashley Shelton
Sophomore

"I [worked] with Sub-T social club. We [painted] a carport and cleaned up a yard. We chose this project because we like to use the strengths we have to help others that are not able to do these jobs themselves."

Melissa Ritchie
Senior



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Bison hitting parade



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Junior transfer Jason Nappi awaits a pitch during a recent home game at Jerry Moore Field. Nappi and the Bison offense had 50 runs during a three-game series with Arkansas-Monticello this week.

Nappi leading Bison offense in first year

by ALEXANDRA MCCLAIN
student writer

Harding University first baseman Jason Nappi was named this week's Gulf South Conference West Division Player of the Week on Tuesday.

Nappi transferred to Harding this season after spending two years in playing Division 1 baseball in the Southeastern Conference at Mississippi State University. Nappi cites the changes to the Bulldogs coaching staff as his reason for transferring. The transfer to Harding gave Nappi one last opportunity to play with his older brother, Patrick. Patrick transferred to Harding this season after

playing for the University of Alabama.

He says the biggest adjustment to GSC play has been the level of competition.

"The SEC is just full of talent at every position," he said. "The biggest difference is the quality of pitching we see."

Nappi set the SEC record for RBIs in a single game in 2008, knocking in 11 runs against the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Last week, Nappi went 12-for-21 with 11 RBIs and plated 10 runs to earn the player of the week distinction, the first Bison to win the award since Justin Cone in 2004.

The Bisons have an overall record of 23-23 on the season, and are 7-10 in GSC play.



Photo by CRAIG RAINBOLT | The Bison
Junior Jason Nappi has been a crucial part of the Bison offense this season. Nappi was recently named Gulf South Conference Player of the Week.

With regular season play wrapping up this weekend in a three-game series against Arkansas Tech, Nappi and the other returning players

are looking forward to the future.

"Our playoff chances are dim at best. This year was

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Boyd earns top honors in conference

Lady Bison golf coach named GSC Coach of the Year

by CHRIS O'DELL
sports editor

Lady Bison golf coach Dr. Nicky Boyd was named the Gulf South Conference Women's Golf Coach of the Year this week. Boyd was named after a vote between the conference's coaches.

Boyd, who just finished his second season as the women's golf coach, is the second Harding coach this season to receive a Coach of the Year award. Head cross-country coach Steve Guymon won the award earlier this season.

Boyd coached the men's golf team for 14 seasons before crossing over to the Lady Bison team in 2008. During his first season with the women's team, the Lady Bisons finished sixth in the GSC championship.

Golfers Brandi Watkins and Natalie Gay both earned All-GSC honors and became the first two Harding women's golfers on the GSC's All-Conference Team. Watkins was also Academic All-GSC.

Boyd played golf and basketball at Henderson State in Arkadelphia, Ark., from 1965-1969. He earned his bachelor's degree in physical education from Henderson State in 1969.

In 1976, he received his master's degree in educational administration from the University of Arkansas and in 1994, he earned his doctorate from the University of Memphis in educational leadership. Apart from women's coaching duties, Boyd also serves as the director of the Walton Scholarship Program.

Earlier this week, Boyd's team finished third at the GSC Tournament, the highest finish ever by the women's golf team. Freshman Whitney Ohlhausen, a psychology major from Dallas, earned First Team All-GSC honors and was named Freshman of

the Year.

Freshman So-Yun Kim also earned a spot on the All-Tournament Team. The Lady Bisons shot 319 in the first round and followed with a 327 in the second round to finish at 646.

The total was 23 shots better than the Lady Bisons' previous best of 669 in the 2008 tournament.

Boyd's former team also finished with a best-ever. The men's team placed eighth in the GSC Championship to earn its highest ever finish in the tournament.

Bison golfers Blake Chase and Brandon Cauldwell recorded a program first Wednesday, becoming the first two Bison golfers to earn All-Gulf South Conference honors since Harding joined the GSC for the 2001 season. Both were named Second Team All-GSC.

Chase, a freshman from Colleyville, Texas, had Harding's best scoring average this season at 76.3 strokes per round. He had two top five finishes this season, including a season best second-place finish at the Bison Fall Golf Classic.

Chase tied a school record by shooting a 66 in round one of that event. His stroke average this season ranks 12th best on Harding's single-season list.

Cauldwell, a freshman from Ozark, Mo., was Harding's top finisher at the GSC Championship. He placed 12th with a three-round score of four over 220. Cauldwell's stroke average was 77.0 strokes per round.

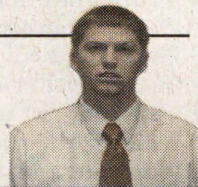
His best finish of the season was fourth place at the William Woods Fall Invitational. Cauldwell shot a season-best two-round score of 147 at that event.

Both Harding golf teams will look to improve on their continued success next season when Boyd enters his third season as the Lady Bison golf coach.

Roethlisberger's six-game suspension more than fair

CHRIS O'DELL

The Leadoff



Pittsburgh Steelers' quarterback Ben Roethlisberger was suspended six games Wednesday for violating the NFL's personal conduct policy. With NFL commissioner Roger Goodell's decision, the league showed that it will not put up with its players putting the NFL in a negative light.

The six-game suspension sent a powerful message to the Steelers' star quarterback, to the rest of the NFL and to all fans around the country. Roethlisberger was held in the same regard as any other player who has violated the same policy. Adam "Pacman" Jones experienced it. Donte Stallworth experienced it. Former Razorback Matt Jones experienced it, and any player that breaks the rules will experience the same thing.

However, Roethlisberger should be held in even higher regard than the above-mentioned players. The Steelers quarterback is one of the biggest stars in the league, and far more people look up to "Big Ben" than Pacman, Stallworth or Jones.

In fact, Roethlisberger might be one of the 10 or 15 most recognizable faces in the entire league.

Roethlisberger has won two Super Bowls on one of the most prominent teams in league history. The NFL had plans to market the star quarterback, who at 28-years-old has been to more Super Bowls than Brett Favre, Dan Marino and Peyton Manning.

If this were one isolated incident then Roethlisberger probably would have gotten a slap on the wrist and moved right on with his career. However, this makes multiple occasions where he has put himself and his team in a negative light. He has time and time again put the league he works for in a tough situation. A combination of alcohol, poor judgment and a mysterious bathroom encounter with a 20-year-old woman was the last straw for Roethlisberger. He is now on close watch by Goodell and the rest of the league for any negative behavior.

The league has demanded that the Steelers' quarterback undergo a major behavioral evaluation. And don't think that just because the Georgia police decided not to file charges against Roethlisberger, that he is innocent of any wrongdoing. In fact, Roethlisberger had no business walking into that club and will



The Associated Press
Pittsburgh Steelers' quarterback Ben Roethlisberger warms up prior to the start of an NFL game against the Baltimore Ravens, in Baltimore. Authorities in Georgia won't charge Roethlisberger after a 20-year-old college student said he sexually assaulted her.

most likely regret ever having gone into the place.

In addition to the Milledgeville incident, there has been a sexual assault damages lawsuit filed in Reno, Nev., by a hotel concierge who says Roethlisberger lured her to his room and raped her in

July 2008. Roethlisberger has also rejected any advice former Steeler Terry Bradshaw gave to the young quarterback and wound up paying for it.

Bradshaw reportedly told Roethlisberger to give up his motorcycle years ago and the 28-year-old

was angered at Bradshaw for giving him advice. Roethlisberger later crashed his motorcycle and suffered serious injuries that could have affected his career. Luckily for Roethlisberger, the injuries were not career-threatening, and he returned to football the next season.

However, Roethlisberger is threatening his career in more than one way now. If he does not straighten his life out soon, he might soon be purged from any football memory. He might soon become the next Adam Jones, Donte Stallworth or Matt Jones — all players with talent who have suffered extreme setbacks since making a bad decision. Roethlisberger might be headed down the same path.

After looking at past situations in Roethlisberger's short career, it is easy to see why Goodell gave the quarterback a six-game suspension. And after examining his past mistakes, it is more than fair for the Steelers' quarterback to sit out six weeks and reflect on the kind of person he wants to be in life.

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Bison Notes

Bisons add two players to baseball team

information courtesy of HU Sports Information

Baseball Bisons sign Duke, Walker

Harding head baseball coach Dr. Patrick McGaha announced the signing of McKinley Duke, an outfielder from Lee's Summit, Mo., and Cameron Walker, a pitcher/outfielder from Broken Arrow, Okla., to NCAA National Letters of Intent on Tuesday.

"McKinley is an outstanding defensive outfielder with a lot of tools," said McGaha. "He has tremendous speed and a polished small-ball attack. He can push and drag bunt and slash very well which, with his speed, puts a huge amount of pressure on opposing defenses. We are happy to have

McKinley join our program."

About Walker, McGaha said, "We are very excited to add Cameron to our baseball team. He is a very talented outfielder with plus speed and a strong arm from a very successful high school program. However, we really like his upside on the mound and believe that he can develop into a dominant pitcher for us one day."

Duke and Walker are the fourth and fifth signees for the Bisons for the 2011 season.

Bison football hosts 2010 combine

The Harding football team hosted the 2010 Bison Combine on Monday at First Security Stadium. More than 30 players tested their skills in the bench press and 40-yard dash.

The Bisons had several impressive efforts in the bench press, but two stood out among the others. Senior-to-be John Ikahihifo, a defensive lineman from Palm-

dale, Calif., lifted 315 pounds an astounding 21 times. Senior-to-be Mark Gutierrez-Durant, from Lancaster, Calif., lifted 225 pounds 36 times.

Any questions about senior Kurt Adams' injured knee were answered when he ran a team-best 4.36 40-yard dash. Harding had several run below 4.5, including running back Jeremy Holt (4.40), defensive back Eddie Russ (4.40), wide receiver Jordan Watson (4.41), defensive back Philip Mion (4.43), defensive back Jasper Bodiford (4.47), running back Dre Whittle (4.47), and defensive back Dempsey Bonner (4.49).

Harding opens the 2010 season on Sept. 4 against Southern Arkansas.

Grant places second in Steeplechase

Harding senior Katy Grant's performance in the 3000-meter steeplechase highlighted the Lady Bisons' weekend at the Kansas

Relays in Lawrence.

Grant, a native of Mustang, Okla., placed second of 14 runners with an NCAA provisional time of 11 minutes, 16.86 seconds. It was Grant's second-best steeplechase time this season.

Grant's teammate, Esther Kosgei, placed fourth in the race in 11:30.48. Harding also had two relay teams in action. The 4x800 meter relay team of Grant, Laura Lovett, Rysper Sirma, and Kosgei placed third of seven teams in 9:39.62. The distance medley relay team of Gladys Kimtai, Callie McAlister, Lovett and Sirma placed sixth of nine teams in 12:51.18.

Junior Dia Gibson placed 13th in the high jump with a mark of 5 feet, 1 inch.

Three Lady Bisons earn All-GSC

The Harding women's tennis team had three members honored with All-Gulf South Conference accolades on Wednesday. Sopho-

more Ling Chan and senior Lola Pardo were First-Team honorees, and senior Katherine Golik was a Second-Team honoree.

Chan, a native of Hong Kong, played No. 1 singles for Harding and compiled an 11-9 record. She had a 12-9 doubles mark, with all but three of those matches at No. 1 doubles.

Pardo, who hails from Hendaye, France, earned her third All-GSC honor. She was Second-Team All-GSC in 2007 and 2009. This season, Pardo was 8-7 in singles action, playing primarily at No. 2. In her final match as a Lady Bison, Pardo became only the 17th Harding women's tennis player to compile 50 career singles wins.

Golik, a native of Bristol, England, earned her first All-GSC honor. She played mostly at No. 3 singles and compiled a 7-9 record this season and a 45-39 career mark.

Pardo and Golik played No. 3 doubles for Harding and had a 5-4 record.

Finishing career on top



photos by CRAIG RAINBOLT | The Bison
Bison tennis player Marco Ruiz was recently named an All-Gulf South Conference player. It marked the fourth time in Ruiz's Bison career to earn the honor.

NAPPI: New Bison leading offense

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a year of growth and maturity for a lot of our young players, which will hopefully help us in seasons to come," Nappi said.

The Bison baseball team has been very inconsistent this season, possibly due to the loss of key players like Adam Darby, Matt Stevens and Ryan Moody. These losses have put the Bisons in a time of transition.

"Although there are differences [from last year's team], we are, above all, still a team and for that, there is no compensation," said sophomore pitcher Kyle Cline.

Adding new players like the Nappi brothers have made the transition smoother and a positive team chemistry has remained in tact.

"Our team this year has had some real up and down moments in the conference. Some weekends we've come out and played outstanding. Then again, some weekends we haven't," Nappi said.

Going into his senior season, Nappi will take on more of a leadership role on the team. He is focusing on improving his personal

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Jason Nappi
baseball player

performance in the field and becoming more mature and consistent at the plate.

Nappi said the coaches have been very active in recruiting young talent to help out next year.

"Hopefully, things will pan out better for us next year," Nappi said.

The Bisons will conclude the 2010 season with three games against Arkansas Tech University. The two teams will meet Saturday at Jerry Moore Field for a doubleheader beginning at noon. The final game will be Saturday.

Disc Golf quickly becoming popular sport

Increasing number of college students taking up new disc golf game



JAMES BUCE
Guest Sports Column

With the changing of seasons from winter to spring, students are finding themselves outside enjoying the weather. Whether sitting on

the front lawn or finding free recreational activities, students are becoming more active as the semester winds down.

Playing free disc golf at Searcy Industrial Park seems to be an explosive trend this year.

Disc golf is a sport growing in popularity among college students across the country because it is a relatively inexpensive game to play. To most, disc golf seems new, but the sport actually began

in the 1960s.

According to the Disc Golf Association, modern day disc golf was started by "Steady" Ed Headrick, the father of disc golf. Historically, courses used trees, trash cans and a variety of other objects for the "hole."

The cages used today were designed by Headrick in 1975 and in the same year the first official disc golf courses were opened. Headrick also formed the Disc Golf Association in 1975.

For many students, disc golf is a recent discovery, but some have been playing

for years.

"I started playing disc golf when I was 12," Senior Steven Etchison said. "I started playing with people in my youth group in North Carolina."

So what do these vivacious college students do when hitting the course after a day of classes?

Courses are usually located in city parks and have anywhere from nine to 36 holes spread across the park. A disc golfer, similar to a regular golfer, lines up in the tee-box, throws the disk toward the cage and continues to throw the disc, turn by turn until he or she hits the cage.

This process continues until all holes are played or until it's quitting time.

There is very little equipment to buy. The main hardware is a disc. There are many different types of discs ranging from drivers to putters. The sport itself is similar to golf and the player who takes the fewest shots wins.

Students have embraced the recreational activity.

"I've played with about 30 different people at the Searcy course," Etchison said. "Most go to Harding."

Though many people play for skill and the thrill of winning, disc golf at its heart is an activity that brings people together for a good time outside.

Courses can be found in nearly any major city and there are reviews of more than 3,500 courses across the country. Some are very simple and easy courses, while others are created to be a challenge.

"My favorite course was in Juneau, Alaska, because it was built on the side of a

mountain," Etchison said. "Most holes there had changes in elevation."

The Professional Disc Golf Association was formed to regulate courses and help oversee the growing popularity of the sport. For avid disc golfers, the PDGA offers tournaments and even a competitive collegiate league where schools can compete against one another.

Whether playing for sport or just to be outside, disc golf can provide a unique and memorable experience.

So for students wondering what to do with their free afternoons, go out to the Searcy Industrial Park and try engaging in what is becoming the American college student's favorite pastime.

JAMES BUCE is a guest sports columnist for the 2009-2010 Bison. He may be contacted at jbuce@harding.edu

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Harding students place in bass competition

by **SAM HOLSCHBACH**
managing editor

JAMES BUCE
student writer

Two Harding students are adding a new sport to Harding's repertoire.

Harding junior Todd Johnson and sophomore Seth Presley started the Harding University Fishing Club last December and are already netting major rewards. They placed fifth in the FLW College Fishing Series March 6 on Bull Shoals Lake, winning \$2,000 and qualifying for the regional championship.

To date, the club only has two founding members, but expansion is anticipated for fall.

David Collins, dean of student life and the club's advisor, said that the club offers many benefits to potential members.

"Our hope is to expand to a larger, special-interest student and faculty/staff organization beginning fall 2010 that promotes the sport of fishing by hosting

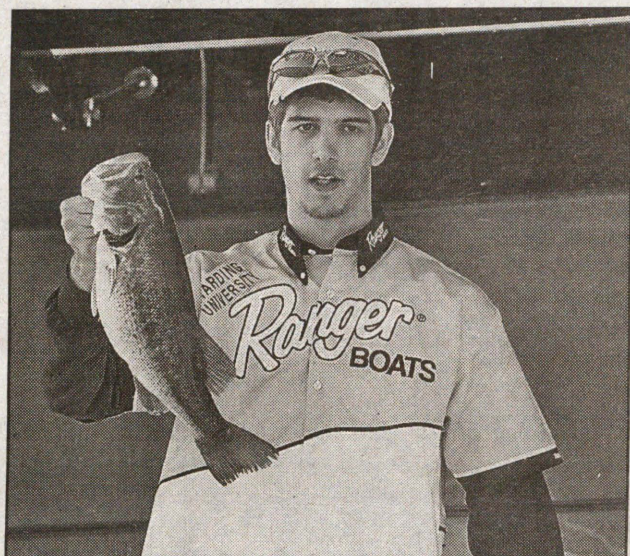


photo courtesy of DAVID COLLINS
Seth Presley holds up a bass during the National Guard FLW College Fishing series March 6.

presentations by professional anglers, participating in club outings and club fishing tournaments, serving the community through special projects and continuing to participate in collegiate fishing tournaments," Collins said.

More recently, Johnson and Presley competed April

17 in the FLW College Fishing Tournament at Lake Ouachita near Hot Springs, finishing seventh out of 40 teams from across the country. To finance this tournament and future tournaments, the two-man team has raised money by waiting tables at Pizza Pro and selling Harding University Fishing Team

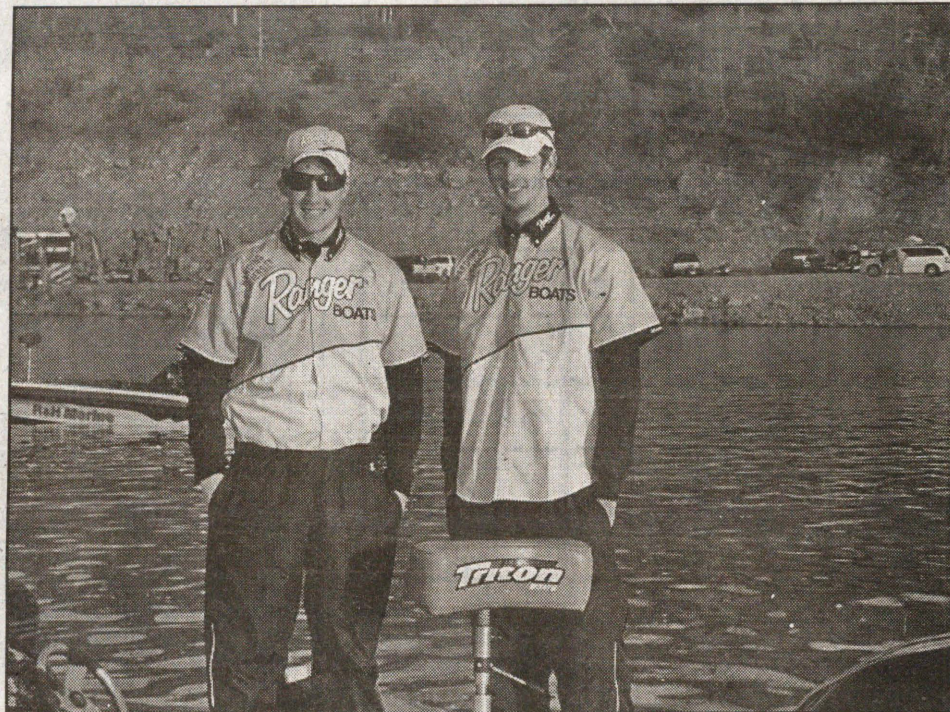


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Johnson and Presley stand on their boat during the competition. The two make up Harding's first competitive bass fishing team and placed 7th out of 40 teams at Bull Shoals Lake.

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Johnson and Presley anticipate competing in the Central Regional Championship in Bloomington,

Ind., between Nov. 4 and 6. If they do well, they may qualify for the national championship.

If interested in purchas-

ing a team T-shirt or participating in the Harding University Fishing Club, contact Collins at dcollins@harding.edu.

Second Anthology event comes to Searcy community

by **NICK SMELSER**
student writer

Stories are one of the oldest forms of entertainment. An individual in front of peers telling a tale from his or her life, laying it out for all to hear and digest. Stories were told by firelight to tribes and conveyed the unique experiences of the tellers.

A packed coffeehouse is the new venue for this entertainment, and the storytellers are students and faculty from Harding. This is Anthology, a free form of storytelling from multiple perspectives. The location and audience may have changed, but the premise behind the stories has not.

The Anthology is the brainchild of senior Nick Michael and Harding Graduate Zachary Crow. They got the idea from a podcast named "The Moth," containing recordings from live storytelling events held in New York City. The two Harding students held the first Anthology in early March, and they are holding the second on April 27 to continue the series of true

experiences and to life lessons.

"What's cooler than stories in a coffee house?" Crow said. "There is a lot of beauty behind the simplicity of someone behind a microphone talking."

The atmosphere at the Underground is very relaxed, with a mixture of students and faculty rotating through 15-minute sets of firsthand accounts told. Michael and Crow estimated attendance at 150.

"People really responded to it last time, and it was amazing," Crow said.

Though Michael is graduating in May, Crow said he wants to keep the meetings going next semester. He wants to keep the same formula and the same venue; the only real change is the inclusion of voices from the Searcy community. The idea is to make the meetings happen twice a semester and to feature different speakers each time.

The last Anthology was met with great approval. Many people enjoyed the evening, both students and citi-

"What's cooler than stories in a coffee house? There is a lot of beauty behind the simplicity of someone behind a microphone talking."

Zachary Crow
Anthology coordinator

zens of Searcy.

"The whole event was just so sincere," Keith Symanowitz said. "The atmosphere and the speakers made for an amazing experience."

The next meeting will be April 27 at the Underground at 7:30 p.m. Some speakers include Dr. Julie Harris, Tyler Jones, Alex Ritchie, Dr. Stephanie Eddleman, Jonathan McRay and Dr. Patrick Garner. All are invited to a night of live story telling and coffee.

"Anthology is about giving people the opportunity to hear real stories from real people," Michael said.

Arkansas offers new scholarship

by **SARAH KYLE**
news editor

Following the induction of the state lottery in Arkansas, a new scholarship of \$5,000 per year has been made available to Arkansas college students.

The Arkansas Challenge Scholarship, also called the lottery scholarship, was recently made available by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education with varying requirements for traditional, current and non-traditional students.

However, overarching requirements for all categories are that recipients must be an Arkansas resident for at least one year, must be a U.S. citizen, must complete the Federal Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and must not have a previous undergraduate degree.

Traditional students, defined as students entering a university this fall, are required to graduate from an Arkansas public school after Dec. 31, 2009, and must successfully complete the Smart Core curriculum and earn either a 2.5 GPA or a 19 on the ACT (900 on the SAT).

Traditional students may also graduate from a private or home school and earn at least a 19 on the ACT.

Current students are defined as students who have entered postsecondary education before the upcoming school year. Current students are required to have been continuously enrolled as full-time students and obtain a cumulative GPA of 2.5.

Non-traditional students are allowed to enroll either part-time or full-time, and must have graduated from an Arkansas public school with a GPA of 2.5 or an ACT score of 19 (900 on the SAT), or from a private or home school — or earn a GED — with an ACT score of 19.

Non-traditional students must have completed at least 12 semester hours of college credit with a 2.5 college GPA.

Scholarship recipients are required to complete 15 hours each semester until graduation.

For more information, check the Arkansas Department of Higher Education Web site at www.adhe.edu or contact Dustin Howell at dhowell@harding.edu.

Language festival draws hundreds

by **LAUREN BUCHER**
student writer

Last Saturday high school students from across the state filled McInteer room 150, chattering excitedly as they played Monopoly and Catch Phrase in both French and Spanish. These games were just some of many activities that students participated in during the annual Arkansas Foreign Language Teachers Association State Foreign Language Festival on April 17.

The language festival allowed high school students to practice their language skills and compete against other students from across the state. Around 400 visitors came to Harding for the competition with 317 students from 34 schools.

The University of Central Arkansas typically hosts the annual language festival, which was the plan this year. However, due to medical issues with the organizer at UCA, the competition was moved to Harding at the last minute. Harding plans to host the competition in the future, tentatively next March.

Around 60 Harding language students mingled with the high school participants giving campus tours, playing games and generally staffing the festival in exchange for

Conversational and Cultural Opportunities Log (COPL) points. Throughout the day, high school students had the opportunity to ask college students about Harding's foreign language program.

"The competition introduced Arkansas students and teachers to Harding's language program, and for many visitors, it was the first time they had ever stepped foot on the campus," said Ava Conley, the chair of Harding's department of foreign languages.

"This was an extremely valuable experience for the students. They particularly enjoyed talking with Spanish speaking students during the Latin Fest," she said.

At the competition, students demonstrated their language skills in an array of events. In an extemporaneous foreign language reading, students received a short piece of literature and read it aloud, judged by their pronunciation, voice inflection and poise. Another event was poetry recitation; students picked a famous foreign poem and were critiqued by their accuracy and rhythm. Additionally, a vocabulary bee assessed students' knowledge of foreign words appropriate for their level.

"The language festival helps my students prepare for the

national French Contest," said Little Rock Christian Academy teacher Heather Tarply. "It motivates them to learn more vocabulary and helps add to their linguistic tool box."

Later, students answered questions, this time in English, about the society of the language they were studying in a culture bowl. Moreover, students who wanted to perform publicly opted to participate in a talent show, and some students prepared skits for the drama category.

"The competition would have never happened without the involvement of Harding students," Conley said. "The success was due to the interaction between our students and high school students. Everybody was impressed that our students were helping, that they were so willing to interact with them."

The primary languages at the competition were French and Spanish. Eight German students, however, performed a drama.

Only high school language students classified as exceptional were eligible to participate. The state competition was long prepared for. Students could only participate in events that they previously completed successfully during the district competition in February.

High school students mentioned a variety of factors that motivated them to learn a second language.

"I want to travel a lot," student Nikki Logan said. "And look at the number of Spanish speakers there are now too [in the United States]."

Student Jordan Rudeleis said he hopes his knowledge of Spanish will help him when looking for a job.

"I came because I enjoy Spanish and I just want to be a bilingual speaker," student Rudelis said. "I think it will give me an advantage in the job market."

Courtney Hampton added that she studies Spanish because of her love for the language.

"I am just interested in languages," student Courtney Hampton said. "It's fun and I have a good teacher."

Latin Fest coincided with the competition, allowing Harding's Latin-American students to represent their respective countries on the front lawn, playing Spanish music and selling traditional food. Between events, high school students and their families bought food, played Frisbee and relaxed outside. Latin Fest raised \$1,300 for the Smiles for Christ project in Honduras.



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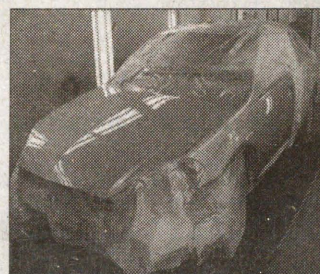
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Race to the finish



photo courtesy of CRAIG RAINBOLT
Senior Kurt Adams competes in the 40-yard dash at the 2010 Bison Combine, Monday, April 19 at First Security Stadium. More than 30 football players competed in the dash and the bench press.

Nursing Association newsletter wins
national awardcourtesy of Harding
University Public
Relations

The Harding University Nursing Student Association's newsletter, the "Pulse," was awarded the 2010 Most Outstanding Newsletter in the nation at the National Student Nurses' Association convention in Orlando, Fla., April 7-11.

The 58th annual NSNA convention was an opportunity for thousands of nursing students from across the nation to develop their leadership and professional skills, hear from nationally recognized speakers and participate in the House of Delegates, the association's

student legislature.

Speakers included Jennie Chin Hansen, president of AARP; Rebecca Patton, president of the American Nurses Association; and Beverly Malone, CEO of the National League for Nursing.

Chapters sent delegates to be part of the House of Delegates to run for national office, discuss health care policies and learn parliamentary procedures as they formed and proposed resolutions concerning health care issues.

Harding senior Kevin Lillis, representative for the Arkansas Nursing Students' Association as legislative chair for the 2009-10 board of

directors, presented a health care proposal to increase the availability of healthy foods in health care facilities. The House of Delegates passed the proposal.

Other delegates from the Harding chapter included senior Micah Walden, NSNA president-elect and 2010 NSNA scholarship winner; senior Tessa Markum, current NSNA president; junior Brittany McDowell; senior Brad Houtchens; post-baccalaureate student Daniel Ramberger, co-editor of the "Pulse;" senior Karen Hill; and senior Amber Bellcock.

Patty Smith, College of Nursing instructor, and Dr. Cathleen Shultz, dean of

the College of Nursing and president of the National League for Nursing, also attended the convention.

The "Pulse" is a newsletter produced by the HNSA, containing articles and student and faculty spotlights. Co-editor Ramberger accepted the certificate and cash award presented to the Harding chapter.

The HNSA is the largest chapter in Arkansas with 442 members and was founded in 1975 as an organization dedicated to the development of ethical, leadership and professional skills of nursing students preparing for licensure, offering opportunities for service and further education.

The Bison Crossword

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- 1 Blemish
- 5 Instep
- 9 Scratch
- 13 Stride
- 14 Hindu frock
- 15 Work out after an injury
- 17 At another time
- 18 Mocked
- 19 Maternal
- 20 Elec. lines
- 22 Roman date
- 24 Fencing sword
- 25 Even (Poet.)
- 26 Commotion
- 28 Quarry
- 30 Some hogs
- 31 Equality
- 32 Gr. letter
- 35 Disinherit
- 38 Cougar
- 39 Not him
- 40 Aces
- 41 Piece of cloth
- 42 Digit
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- 46 Icy
- 48 Second sight
- 49 Consume
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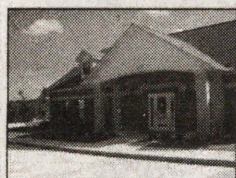
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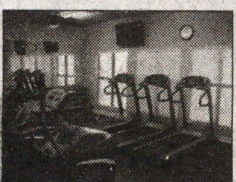
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Dissertation preserves Harding's Christian mission

by **BLAKE MATHEWS**
editor-in-chief

Bruce McLarty, Harding's Vice President of Spiritual Life, successfully defended his dissertation last Monday at Ashland Theological Seminary in Ohio. Rather than stick his research in a filing cabinet, however, the newly minted Dr. McLarty plans to use his dissertation to help preserve the Christian mission of Harding.

As part of earning a doctoral degree in ministry, McLarty was required to produce something with a practical application. His three years of research eventually came together in a five-chapter lesson titled "Embracing The Mission," which will be taught to new professors before they begin teaching at Harding. McLarty said he will teach the course himself, and the 25 professors expected to join the faculty next semester will take it like a night class, meeting one night a week for six to 10 weeks.

The point of the class, McLarty said, is to communicate a clear definition of Harding's mission to new professors.

"I believe we're going to have to be increasingly intentional if we're going to pass on the mission," he said.

Years ago, few professors would have even considered teaching at Harding if they did not already believe in

its mission, which McLarty defined as "faith-based, Christ-centered education." Compared to other universities, Harding had little to offer prospective faculty.

"You worked too hard for too little money to teach at this place unless you believed in the spiritual mission at Harding," McLarty said.

But as its size, prestige and faculty salaries have increased, Harding has become an attractive place to a bigger pool of professors, including some who may not have any experience teaching at a Christian institution. McLarty said the concern is that some new professors might come to Harding planning to teach just as they would in a secular state university.

Historically, church-affiliated schools have shed the religious principles they were founded on over time. Faith-based mission statements are altered or abandoned in the interest of attracting more students and investments. Harvard, Vanderbilt and Duke Universities are notable examples from McLarty's research.

"People, oftentimes for money, in order to get donations from people who wouldn't give it to an exclusively church-connected school, for prestige, and in the name of academic freedom people have turned loose of their connections with their founding churches," he said.

McLarty said he is "fully convinced" that Harding has not grown apart from its Christian mission, but pressures to change have created a constant "struggle for identity" in all Christian schools. The five chapters of McLarty's dissertation are designed to establish Harding's identity with all incoming professors. Not only will this ease the transition into the Harding culture, McLarty said, but it will also give professors a better idea of what they are getting into.

By completing McLarty's course, new professors are not assumed to agree with every part of Harding's mission, and the values in it are not enforceable. However, before the class even begins, prospective faculty members are interviewed by department leaders and administrators to determine where their values are in relation to the university. The result is a relatively shared set of values among hired faculty. If a professor gets to McLarty's course and does not agree with Harding's mission, no one will ask him or her to leave the school.

"Hopefully they don't even want to be around," McLarty said. "Just as they volunteered in, they would volunteer out."

The first chapter of "Embracing the Mission" deals with the story of Harding, especially with the school's mission as it links together

university leaders from James A. Harding to current president Dr. David Burks. Chapter two addresses faith and Harding as a product of the Restoration Movement.

In the third chapter, McLarty talks about the Christian worldview and introduces the "idea of what difference does it make that a professor views life and their discipline from a Christian worldview as opposed to the typical naturalistic worldview or postmodern worldview."

Chapter four is on teaching from a Christian perspective, and the professors are presented with ten questions that should be asked about every class at Harding. McLarty said that professors are ultimately in control of what they teach, and that the concern is less about keeping controversial views out of the classroom and more about making sure that anti-Christian views do not go unchallenged.

The fifth chapter deals with Harding as a community. Professors from different departments and colleges will come together for this class, and McLarty said he hopes the six-week experience will turn them into their own "cohort," united by similar values and a commitment to Harding's mission. He likened the community function of the class to Student Impact, only "teachers probably need it worse than students do."

Putting along

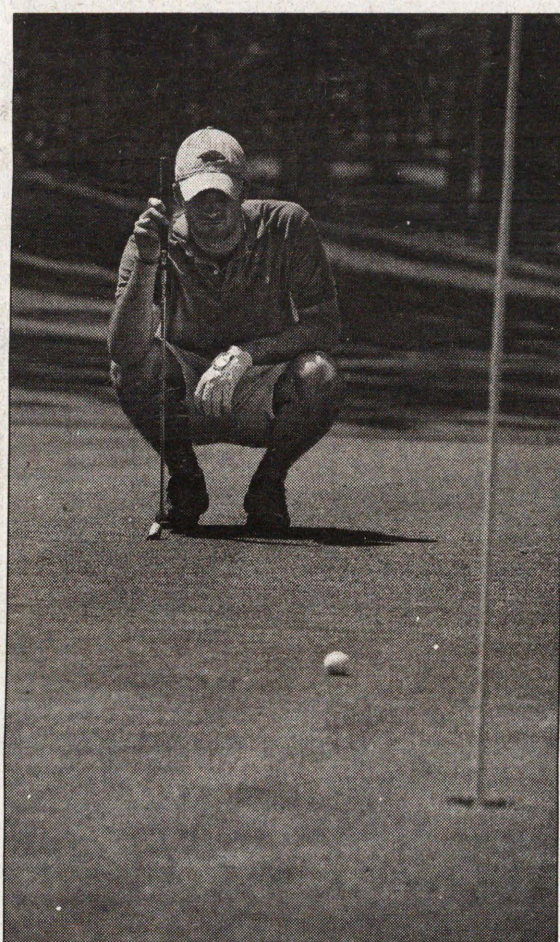


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Andrew Flesher lines up his put during a golf scramble fundraiser for the Society for the Advancement of Management on Tuesday, April 20,

French student provided with funds, stays at Harding

by **TIFFANY JONES**
student writer

Before the Bison published an article about her struggle to stay at Harding, Graziella Roosz had received only bad news regarding next year's finances.

With the help of her friends, Roosz had sent out letters to churches and potential benefactors only to receive a few very polite and well-meaning "no's." She had prepared herself for the possibility of leaving Harding and heading back to France.

Little did she know good news was just around the corner.

While in Searcy to see Spring Sing, the anonymous family that provided her support for this semester met with Roosz and told her they were ready and able to commit to supporting her throughout her remaining semesters at Harding.

Roosz found this family with the help of Harding's advancement office.

"Last semester I sent tons of letters to churches," Roosz said. "I was knocking on every door. I was asking my teachers. I asked financial aid, and the advancement office took care of me and helped me find this couple through my support letters."

Soon after that meeting,

"I was speechless. I wasn't expecting anybody reading the Bison to help me. I was so happy. This is really God's will."

Graziella Roosz
student

Roosz received a phone call from the advancement office. Someone, touched from reading the article, decided to pay for her housing and meal plan.

"I was speechless," Roosz said. "I wasn't expecting anybody reading the Bison to help me. I was so happy. This is really God's will."

The good news did not stop rolling in. She received scholarships from the international business office and an anonymous church in the Searcy area offered to support her as well.

"I'm so glad she was given the money to stay," junior Sarah Kyle said. "She's a wonderful person."

Even with all of the financial help, Roosz is not going to relax. She is currently looking for a summer job in France.

Chorus seeks financial help for Global Outreach trip to South America

by **STEVEN CHANDLER**
student writer

If your wallet is looking empty and starting to look like it may be standing in the way of you and your summer plans, you may not be alone. In an effort to raise money for their summer trip to South America, the Harding Chorus will be conducting Sweets and Serenades, a fundraising event in the McInteer rotunda Monday, April 26.

Starting at 8 p.m. on April 26 everyone is invited to come to the McInteer Rotunda to enjoy desserts that members of the chorus have made as well as listen to them sing. This gives people an opportunity to donate to those having a hard time raising money for the chorus trip this summer. In addition to Sweets and Serenades, there have been a few work days that have allowed students that still need money for their trip ways to raise it through various activities such as mowing lawns.

The \$2,900-per-person fee

makes this the most expensive trip the chorus has ever taken. According to Cliff Ganus, Harding Chorus director, there are a few reasons for this: most countries have entrance fees, the dollar is weak, there is inflation and they have to fly a lot. It is not easy to travel by bus where the chorus is going, so they have to fly a considerable distance. However, they will take buses when they can, including one bus drive that will be around 22 hours.

Global Outreach has been helping to manage all the money that students have raised through various means, such as writing letters asking for financial assistance from their home congregations, family or friends. Ganus said that according to Ken Graves in Global Outreach, this has been the hardest year for fundraising.

This year the chorus will be touring in South America. They will spend a week in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, a week in Buenos Aires, Argentina, two days in Vinã del Mar, Chile,

where Harding's Latin America campus is located, and five days in Santiago, Chile.

"We thought it would be good to go to Buenos Aires to work with the church there (this was because of a connection there with a HU student's grandparents)," Ganus said. "We thought it would be good to sing in Vinã del Mar where the HULA program is ... Also, because there is such an interest in Latin missions here ... this seemed to be a good time to pursue that. We had a number of good contacts, and they were eager to work with."

In all the locations minus Vinã del Mar, the primary contact is a church. The chorus is going to do various things to aid the church. They will sing on the street, pass out fliers, sing in concert halls and so on to help the church reach people.

"Singing attracts people; it opens them up to hearing about the local work that is going on," Ganus said. "It simply broadens the visibility and promotes the activity of

the local churches," Ganus said. "As evidence of that, I would say that the great majority of places that we go invite us to come back because it's an effective outreach."

Student Tiffany Jones understands the power and impact that music and this trip can have in reaching people.

"We are entering people's lives through music and getting the message out that way," junior chorus member Tiffany Jones said. "It will be different than China (where the chorus went in the summer of 2008) because we can openly share our faith. In China we went to churches, but a lot of that was on the down low."

Even with recent torrential rainfall, landslides and floods in Rio de Janeiro and the earthquakes off the coast of Chile earlier this year, only one performance had to be canceled due to earthquake repairs on a building in Vinã del Mar. The group of 37 leaves May 11 and will return June 3.

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Q/A with the Caf



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At this university, there are certain people, places and things that make up what the Admissions Office would call "The Harding Experience." Some parts of the Harding Experience may cause a good deal of groaning, like the front lawn swings or the bell tower. Yet, there are questions and mysteries surrounding these objects that Harding students are so familiar with. Will the third swing indeed produce a ring? Why can't I bring myself to walk under the bell tower alone?

But nothing symbolizes the Harding Experience quite like the cafeteria, almost universally known as "the Caf." No place on campus produces quite as many student groans, and few places are as misunderstood. Terrie Smith is the Catering Director for Aramark, and she knows the stories behind where our food comes from and where our "Caf swipes" go. She sat down with the Bison and helped us work through the mysteries behind the Harding cafeteria, one question at a time.

Why is it so hard to eat healthy in the Caf?

Students who feel this way need to try thinking entrepreneurially, or at least look a little harder, Smith said. If the vegetables at the front of the comfort food line aren't what you're looking for, there's always a wok station with relatively healthy stir fry ingredients. But not many students have the time or patience to stir fry. If that's the case, she said, start mixing and matching. One station or line may not have everything that you're looking for, so grab some basic veggies from the salad bar, some salsa from the international line and some sour cream from the omelette bar.

"You just kind of have to go around and shop for what interests you based on what you've got," Smith said. "If you think about it and you work at it, you can eat healthy. You don't have to eat pizza."

By staying creative and not surrendering to pizza and cookies, Smith said she has lost 50 pounds this year, and that's with two-thirds of her meals eaten among students in the Caf.

How responsible is the Caf for the Freshman 15?

A lot of factors contribute to the dreaded semester of weight gain, food definitely being among them. The Caf offers young men and women who are likely living away from home for the first time a wide variety of drinks, dishes and desserts to choose from. Smith said students that gain weight do so because of the choices they make; we've already established that students can eat healthy in the Caf if they want to. Unfortunately, "the things that we want to eat are not the things that are most healthy

for us," she said. "Pizza, corn dogs, ravioli, chicken nuggets ... I once said we could serve burritos, corn dogs, ravioli, chicken nuggets and pizza every day and that'd be enough."

Other choices contribute to the Freshman 15, such as the decision many freshmen make to drive to the Caf rather than walk. That adds up over time, Smith said.

What's with the international line? It's just the same ingredients under different flags.

Specialty lines like the international line are managed by the cafeteria manager, production manager and operations manager. They decide what goes into each dish to make it one nationality or another, but realistically, Smith said, a lot of the decision is already made for them.

"Rice is popular practically everywhere. It's only the seasonings that change," she said. "Think Asian and you think rice, so you think teriyaki sauce and soy sauce. If you're thinking Mexican you've got rice, but you've got salsa and cayenne pepper. If you think Indian, you've got curry."

But it's not just rice. Smith said that, when serving hundreds of people, there are only a few foods that will please everybody: green beans, carrots, potatoes, broccoli (slightly risky) and corn. Suitable meats are beef, chicken, pork or fish.

"There are only four meats. That's it. It's just the sauce that's different," she said. But that sauce, along with seasonings, can turn chicken into Mexican chicken, Asian chicken, Cajun chicken or southern fried chicken.

Smith said the Caf's policy is to use ingredients in as many ways as possible. That's why students will see diced ham cubes in the salad bar, in their omelets and on their "Hawaiian pizza." Not only does this allow for more food combinations, but it also minimizes the amount of food that sits around until it goes bad.

"We buy very few items that only have one purpose," she said, describing how resourceful the Aramark staff can be with its food. "If I run out of bread for something, I can grab pizza dough, brush it with butter, run it through the pizza warmer, slice it and I've got breadsticks."

How often do dishes repeat in the Caf?

Even using the same ingredients, Smith said it normally takes three weeks to cycle through the repertoire of dishes. But when Aramark caters a banquet, as it did with President Bush yesterday evening, the leftovers get brought down to the Caf. And that's a reason to get excited, Smith said.

"People make fun of leftovers," she said. "Those leftovers are actually from \$15-16 banquets; but we have the ability to use that out in the Caf."

After the banquet food's intended recipients are full, there is usually plenty left. This is inten-

tional, Smith said, because Aramark has no way of knowing which dish will be popular, so they prepare enough food to cover every possibility. The leftovers get put back into cold storage and then reheated for the Caf, usually later that day or the next day.

According to Smith, that means the leftovers from President Bush's dinner should be in the Caf by lunch or dinner today.

When asked about the best time to visit the Caf, Smith smiled and said 4:30 Sunday afternoon, when the leftovers from Harding's Sunday brunch are reheated and ready to eat.

Smith emphasized that, after a food has been reheated once, it's thrown out to prevent food-borne illnesses. However, the vast majority of food doesn't make it that far.

What happens to all those unused Caf swipes at the end of the semester? And all my DCB?

The easiest way to explain why students don't get to reclaim the leftovers of their meal plan at year's end is to say that they aren't worth anything.

"At the end of the semester, you've lost your swipes. Those meals don't actually exist out there somewhere," Smith said.

She compared meal plans to a season pass, one that guarantees students 100 entries into the Caf. Students pay a flat amount at the beginning of the year, and whether or not they use all 100 entries is entirely up to them. But once the season is over, the entries are gone and the pass doesn't mean anything.

As for DCB, it does roll over from fall to spring, but at the end of the spring semester it disappears as well. However, the unused DCB actually goes toward keeping the Student Center and the Caf running over the summer semester, when Aramark employs a skeleton crew and actually plans to lose money.

Not enough students buy meal plans over the summer to make operating the Caf profitable, but the unused DCB, however little it may be, takes some of the edge off the loss, Smith said.

What's next for the student center?

Aramark tries to update the restaurant selection in the student center once every other year or so, Smith said, in the interest of keeping things fresh. Students are consulted through surveys about what kind of food should be brought in, and the latest round of surveys made it "overwhelmingly" clear that students want "some type of Asian station."

Whether that means a Panda Express or its Aramark equivalent, Smith said nothing is set in stone yet. There are still space and money issues to resolve; a Panda Express would not fit into the space currently occupied by the weak-selling Freshens.



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